Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented)   A polyester fiber comprising polyethylene terephthalate at 90 mol% or higher of a whole repeating unit in a molecular chain thereof, the fiber having an intrinsic viscosity (IV) of 0.85 dl/g or higher and simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

(a)   strength $\geq$ 6.0 cN/dtex;

(b)   strength x (breaking elongation)$^{0.5}$ $\leq$ 24.0 cN/dtex.%$^{0.5}$;

(c)   monofilament linear density $\leq$ 5.0 dtex; and

(d)   main dispersion peak temperature of loss tangent (tan δ) in the measurement of dynamic viscoelasticity at 110 Hz $\leq$ 147.0°C.

2-3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Original)   The polyester fiber according to claim 1, wherein the strength x (breaking elongation)$^{0.5}$ is 23.0 cN/dtex.%$^{0.5}$ or lower.

5.   (Previously Presented)   A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

(a)   tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) $\geq$ 96%; and

(b)   elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage $\leq$ 7.5%.

6.   (Original)   The polyester dipped cord according to claim 5, wherein the tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) is 98% or higher.

7.   (Withdrawn)   A method of making a polyester dipped cord, comprising:

twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, wherein the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber comprising polyethylene terephthalate at 90 mol% or higher of a whole repeating unit in a molecular chain thereof, the fiber having an intrinsic viscosity (IV) of 0.85 dl/g or higher and simultaneously having:

(a)   strength ≥ 6.0 cN/dtex,

(b)   strength x (breaking elongation)$^{0.5}$ ≤ 24.0 cN/dtex.%$^{0.5}$,

(c)   monofilament linear density $\leq$ 5.0 dtex, and

(d)   main dispersion peak temperature of loss tangent (tan δ) in the measurement of dynamic viscoelasticity at 110 Hz ≤ 147.0°C;

twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and

subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to obtain a dipped cord having:

(e)   tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) $\geq 96\%$, and

(f)   elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage $\leq 7.5\%$.

8.   (Withdrawn)   The method of claim 7, wherein the tenacity conversion efficiency obtained in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) is 98% or higher.

9.   (Cancelled).

10.   (Currently Amended)   The polyester fiber according to claim 1, having a birefringence of an undrawn yarn > 0.08.